# Destructive Institutions Supplement No. 1: Crosscheck of the Destructive Institutions Framework for Conspiratorial Influences

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***In Three Parts:***

- **Potential Conspiratorial Concerns**
- **Analysis of the Destructive Institutions Framework Against Fifteen Conspiracy Theory Characteristics**
- **Conclusions**

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# PREFACE

The USA *Declaration of Independence* reminds us:

*...That to secure these rights* [i.e., "unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness"], *Governments are instituted... That whenever any Form of Government* [or institutional governance] *becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government* [or institutional governance]...

*...Governments* [or institutional governance] *long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed...*

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## ABSTRACT AND INTRODUCTION

This paper provides the 1st supplemental paper for the *destructive institutions** framework. The purpose of this paper is to crosscheck the work to ensure that there are no conspiratorial influences.

The *destructive institutions* framework is described in the following paper and is prerequisite reading:

Destructive Institutions:
Systems-Based Commonality from Institutional Slavery to Fossil Fuel Institution (Climate Crisis) –
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The first four applications of the *destructive institutions* framework are contained in the paper above. These are: (1) chattel slavery (USA historical focus); (2) climate crisis (USA and worldwide focus); (3) mass shootings crisis (USA focus); (4) opioid crisis (USA focus with potential for worldwide crisis). The first four applications were *destructive institutions for profit* applications of the *destructive institution contract.* Application No. 5 covers the worldwide ingress refugee crisis; it is the first *destructive government* application, specifically a democratic *destructive government* application. Application No. 6 covers the USA Federal Government Perverse Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis; this is the second democratic *destructive government* application. Application No. 7 covers the USA Perverse Capitalism, related to Application No. 6; this is the third democratic *destructive government* application. See Appendix for the list of papers and web links for the *destructive institutions* body of work.

The structure of this paper is as follows:

- Potential Conspiratorial Concerns
- Analysis of the Destructive Institutions Framework Against Fifteen Conspiracy Theory Characteristics
- Conclusions
- Appendix: Papers and web links for the *destructive institutions* body of work (by Michael J. Fargano).

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*Convention for this paper: all new definitions are shown in *italic*, e.g., *destructive institutions*. See the *destructive institutions* framework paper for the definitions.

## POTENTIAL CONSPIRATORIAL CONCERNS

A reader could look at some aspects of the *destructive institutions* body of work (see Appendix) and see the potential for conspiratorial influences because of the qualitative and descriptive nature of the work. The purpose of this paper is to crosscheck the work regarding potential conspiratorial characteristics and influences to ensure that the work is on a solid foundation and should be taken to the next level of analysis and research – i.e., deeper qualitative analysis, quantitative analysis and further application development using the *destructive institutions* framework.

## ANALYSIS OF THE DESTRUCTIVE INSTITUTIONS FRAMEWORK AGAINST FIFTEEN CONSPIRACY THEORY CHARACTERISTICS

Two key aspects of the *destructive institutions* framework will be primarily crosschecked in this section: (1) *destructive institutions contract*; (2) *complex of amoral power.* The method of crosscheck will be against fifteen characteristics of a conspiracy theory based on the following article:

> Gareth van Onselen (09 November 2018) *Fifteen Characteristics of a Conspiracy Theory*, PoliticalWeb (South Africa).
> https://www.politicsweb.co.za/opinion/fifteen-characteristics-of-a-conspiracy-theory

Below is the list of the fifteen characteristics with quotes from the article above (see the article for more detail on each characteristic). This article and the fifteen characteristics were chosen because it is a reasonable place to start the crosscheck for conspiratorial influences. Note that only the generic aspects of these characteristics are used here; the aspects in the quoted article related to the politics of South Africa are not used; the use of these characteristics here is not intended to validate the opinions in the article regarding politics of South Africa. (This information is copied here under the *fair use doctrine*; thus special attention may be needed in using the CC BY 4.0 Copyright License for this paper regarding the information from the article).

1. ***Power****: A conspiracy theory assigns a disproportionate amount of power and influence to a third party.*

2. ***Expertise****: A conspiracy theory ascribes to those responsible for any plot or subterfuge extraordinary skill and expertise.*

3. ***Belief****: A conspiracy theory relies on inference, the careful positioning of any half-truth between two truths and the sewing together of disparate pieces of evidence with an invisible thread.*

4. ***Illusion and misdirection****: In a conspiracy theory nothing is as it appears. The face value of any given event or circumstance is an illusion, masking a different, more sinister intent.*

5. ***Distrust****: The inevitable by-product of any conspiracy theory is therefore disbelief and distrust. If everything has a double-meaning, then nothing is indicative of an intrinsic truth or character.*

6. ***Infinite***: *Although in the moment a given conspiracy theory might be prescribed a beginning and an end, in truth it has no genesis and no conclusion; these are merely practical necessities to make sense of the now.*

7. ***Victimhood***: *Conspiracy theories are propagated by victims of the subterfuge they allude to and, thus, by people with a vested interest in their being true.*

8. ***Enemies***: *Intrinsic to any conspiracy theory is the idea of the enemy*

9. ***They must be known to exist***: *No conspiracy theory is unknown. Simultaneously, no conspiracy theory is exposed by the perpetrators of it. It is defined by those who are victims of it and, in this way, constitutes a weapon in their hands, for they can be constantly refashioned and remoulded to ensure their integrity and veracity comply with an ever-changing reality.*

10. ***Amorality***: *Conspiracy theories boast an ostensible morality, in that they seemingly define quite clearly the good from the bad. But on which side an idea or action or individual falls is not determined by intrinsic moral worth, but, instead, by its proximity to and relationship with the theory itself.*

11. ***Morality***: *That said, conspiracy theories do serve a moral purpose. They allow those who advocate for them to frame themselves as selfless and virtuous – a benevolent agent of truth, standing tall and strong in the face of malevolence and deceit.*

12. ***Feigned rationality***: *A conspiracy theory uses the language of rationality – truth, reason, evidence and argument – to obscure irrationality – emotion, distrust, hearsay and animus.*

13. ***Detail***: *Supplementing this is a reliance on great detail, complexity and technical nuance. The trivial is given inordinate significance and the deeply meaningful reduced to the banal. The conspiracy theory can thus generate ambiguity just as quickly as it can demolish it.*

14. ***Contradiction***: *Conspiracy theories are inherently contradictory, on a wide range of fronts. They are hidden but obvious; one need only believe. They are complex but simple; one need only accept the grand design.*

15. ***Unproveable***: *Because a conspiracy theory is more belief than argument, it cannot ever be disproved absolutely, for data is competing with anecdote, and facts with hidden meaning. In this way, a conspiracy theory is both self-replicating and self-reinforcing, it produces its own justification by drawing on its own conclusions to incorporate new evidence or data into its grand narrative.*

| Conspiracy Theory Characteristic | Crosscheck Against Destructive Institutions Framework |
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| ***1. Power*** | Powerful and large scale destruction is at the heart of any *destructive institution*; it is part of the definition via reference to the *destructive institution contract*. This powerful and large scale destruction is observable and measurable by the application of the *destructive institution contract* – working backwards from the security of unalienable Rights (such as Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness) being neglected, degraded or destroyed. In each of the first seven applications of the *destructive institution contract*, it is observable that unalienable Rights are being neglected, degraded or destroyed in some way, shape of form. |
| ***2. Expertise*** | Extraordinary skill and expertise is not assumed. However profit, gains and self-preservation is presumed as motives for actions. At heart of the definition of *destructive institution* via its reference to the *destructive institution contract* it states "the institution's core gains including financial gains that are correlated with powerful and large scale destruction." In examining the applications of the *destructive institutions for profit* (applications 1-4) each one has profit correlated with large scale destruction: (1) chattel slavery; (2) climate crisis; (3) mass shootings crisis; (4) opioid crisis. |
| ***3. Belief*** | The *destructive institutions* framework and the first seven applications are based on rational systems-based analysis. "Half-truths" are not woven together with "invisible string." Given the qualitative nature of the work, when applying the *destructive institution contract* (e.g., to mass shootings crisis) subjective value judgments are sometimes made based on observations. Follow on research is welcome to validate the qualitative analysis. Notwithstanding the potential for subjective value judgments when applying the *destructive institution contract* in each of the seven applications provided there is clear evidence that unalienable Rights are being neglected, degraded or destroyed in some way, shape of form.<br><br>The *complex of amoral power* (invisible hand) can appear to have some "belief" to it. However, in the USA the definition of *complex of amoral power* holds true and is seen in plain sight, the definition is here: *The social complex characterized by amoral mutual self-preservation and growth relationships between and among: (1) the power of money/reward (capability), (2) the power of governmental/governance policy and enforcement (capability) and (3) the power of communications/influence (capability) that results in amoral (or corrupt) money/reward flows, government policy/enforcement actions and communications/influence transmissions*. In the USA legalized corruption is allowed to flourish between powerful money interests and politicians; corrupt communication looms large in radio, cable news broadcast, print and social networking platforms using *destructive institution brainhacking* methods (like falsehoods and propaganda techniques). |
| ***4. Illusion and*** | As describe in "3. Belief" above the *destructive institutions* framework and first |

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| ***misdirection*** | seven applications are based on rational systems-based analysis – not illusions and misdirection. The *complex of amoral power* (invisible hand) can appear to have some "sinister intent" to it. However, regarding *destructive institutions for profit*, the intent is profit motive. Regarding democratic *destructive governments*, the intent is retaining and gaining political power (usually with a profit motive as well.) Regarding totalitarian *destructive governments*, that is an extreme class of *destructive institution* (e.g., Nazi Germany in the 1930-1940) where sinister intentions are clear (e.g., via large scale genocide). |
| ***5. Distrust*** | Trust or distrust is not an issue or even considered in the *destructive institutions* framework. To the contrary, the *destructive institution contract* clauses used in the first seven applications are plain to observe and measure. The *destructive institutions* framework invites further analysis and research. |
| ***6. Infinite*** | The *destructive institutions* framework is not a top-down design. It is a meta-model that describes self-organizing systems – spontaneous order. There appears to be inherent human nature characteristics that drives the spontaneous order seen in *destructive institutions.* The genesis of each of the *destructive institution* seven applications appears to be triggered by strain to *complex of amoral power* support structures. This can be seen playing out with the *destructive institution* applications that were triggered and initiated by severe strain from January to March 2020 regarding COVID-19 – resulting in perverse responses and blatant perverse capitalism. The principle to end a *destructive institution* is provided in the framework paper:<br><br>● For all *destructive institutions*: To eliminate a *destructive institution* (i.e., terminate it or transform it to a non- *destructive institution*) all *destructive institution contracts* in it must be eliminated; the prerequisite to eliminate a *destructive institution contract* is to eliminate or severely disrupt the supporting *complex of amoral power* by legal means.<br><br>● Specifically for all *destructive institutions for profit*: To eliminate or severely disrupt the supporting *complex of amoral power*, their legalized corruption and supporting *destructive institution brainhacking* must be eliminated, severely disrupted or otherwise neutralized by legal means. |
| ***7. Victimhood*** | In the *destructive institutions* frameworks, there are targets of destruction by the *destructive institution* – not victimhood per se. There is no subterfuge per se. There is powerful and large scale destruction that is observable and measurable by the application of the *destructive institution contract.* In each of the first seven applications of the *destructive institution contract*, it is observable that unalienable Rights are being neglected, degraded or destroyed in some way, shape of form. |
| ***8. Enemies*** | In the *destructive institutions* frameworks, there are no "enemies" per se, however there are systems-based targets for disruption or elimination by legal means, i.e., |

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| | *destructive institution contracts, complex of amoral power,* legalized corruption and *destructive institution brainhacking.* See"6. Infinite" above for more on this. |
| ***9. They must be known to exist*** | As describe in "3. Belief" above the *destructive institutions* framework and first seven applications are based on rational systems-based analysis. Regarding the applications of the *destructive institutions* framework – as noted in the framework:<br>"This systems-based analysis is not needed for rational people to intuitively grasp the destructive behaviors of each of the institutions mentioned above when observed as individual institutions. However, a non-intuitive result of this analysis and framework is the commonality inherent in all *destructive institutions*."<br><br>Yes, there is an intuitive grasp of the destruction; however the analysis dives further detail to and commonality of the systems-based objective analysis that is observable and measurable. Each of the first seven applications results in unalienable Rights being neglected, degraded or destroyed in some way, shape of form. |
| ***10. Amorality*** | Moral judgments are not made in the *destructive institutions* framework. Good verses evil is not addressed. Rather, "destruction" is characterized. As describe in "3. Belief" above the *destructive institutions* framework and first seven applications are based on rational systems-based analysis. The new definitions in the *destructive institutions* framework do not address moral judgments. |
| ***11. Morality*** | As noted above, moral judgments are not made. There is no implied or intended statement of morality inherent to the author. |
| ***12. Feigned rationality*** | As describe in "3. Belief" above the *destructive institutions* framework and first seven applications are based on rational systems-based analysis. This is not fake. The *destructive institutions* framework holds together and the applications are real – to be observed and measured. Each of the first seven applications results in unalienable Rights being neglected, degraded or destroyed in some way, shape of form – this is observable. |
| ***13. Detail*** | The details in the *destructive institutions* framework are real – not fake or contrived. See "12. Feigned rationality" above for more. The trivial is not given great significance – rather the the meaningful is elevated via the clauses in the *destructive institutions contract* and other aspects of the *destructive institutions* framework. Questions can be answered and institutions can be tested by using the *destructive institutions* framework – e.g., by applying the *destructive institutions contract*. |
| ***14. Contradiction*** | There are no contradictions in the *destructive institutions* framework. The *destructive institutions* framework holds together and the applications are real – to be observed and measured. |
| ***15. Unproveable*** | As describe in "3. Belief" above the *destructive institutions* framework and first |

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| | seven applications are based on rational systems-based analysis. The *destructive institutions* framework holds together and the applications are real – to be observed and measured. The Recommendations section of the framework explicit invites further analysis and research. Each of the first seven applications results in unalienable Rights being neglected, degraded or destroyed in some way, shape of form – this is observable. |

## CONCLUSIONS

The *destructive institutions* framework and first seven applications are based on rational systems-based analysis. Each of the first seven applications of the *destructive institutions* framework results in unalienable Rights being neglected, degraded or destroyed in some way, shape of form – this is clearly observable and measurable.

As part of the *destructive institutions* framework, linkages to key social sciences concepts are provided. These concepts are well established as foundational concepts in the social sciences. This is further evidence that the *destructive institutions* framework holds together and the applications are real – to be observed and measured.

Thus, based on this crosscheck, the *destructive institutions* framework is <u>not</u> a structured form of a conspiracy theory. Further research and analysis is encouraged on the entire *destructive institutions* body of work.

## APPENDIX: PAPERS AND WEB LINK FOR THE DESTRUCTIVE INSTITUTIONS BODY OF WORK – BY MICHAEL J. FARGANO

**Destructive Institutions Body of Work Library:**
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*Destructive Institutions Application No. 5:*
*Worldwide Refugee Crisis Application of the Destructive Institutions Framework*
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*Destructive Institutions Application No. 6:*
*USA Federal Government Perverse Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis*
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*Destructive Institutions Application No. 7:*
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